The offers received from three manufacturers are being evaluated/negotiated by the Indian Airlines.

Mismanagement at Nagpur airport

624. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Nagpur Airport is totally mismanaged and the Airport Authority is totally neglecting the mismangement at the Airport Level;

(b) whether Government are also aware that because of this large-scale mismanagement the passengers are put to great inconvenience;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into the affairs of the Nagpur Airport;

(d) if so, what are the finding; and

(e) what action will be taken against those responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The material is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Increase in fares and freight rates by Indian Airlines

625. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to increase the fares and freight rates by the Indian Airlines has been under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision if any taken thereon; and

(c) whether the main burden of the increase would be borne by branch routes rather than trunk routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines and Alliance Air domestic fares were increased with effect from 15th October, 1997 as under:

(i) (a) North Eastern Sectors — 10.5%

(b) Rest of India

Sector upto 700 kms. — 14.0%
Sectors above 700 kms. — 10.5%

(ii) The differential between the Executive and Economy class fares has been kept at 50%

(iii) The total amount to be collected from passengers in INR has been rounded upto the next higher multiple of Rs. 5/-.

(iv) Excess Baggage Rates have been revised accordingly.

(v) Basic Cargo Rates have also been revised accordingly.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों को बन्द किया जाना

626. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने भुज, राजकोट तथा जामनगर से मुम्बई की अपनी उड़ानें हाल ही में बन्द कर दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या इन शहरों के यात्रियों के लिए अहमदाबाद तथा भावनगर से कोई वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की गई है; और

(घ) क्या भुज में मुम्बई तक के लिए दैनिक उड़ान में वृद्धि करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीम): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

(घ) एलायंस एयर जो इंडियन एयरलाइंस की एक पूर्णत: स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी है, ने 3 नवम्बर, 1977 से भुज से मुंबई के लिए अपनी प्रति सप्ताह 4 से 5 उड़ानें कर दी हैं।